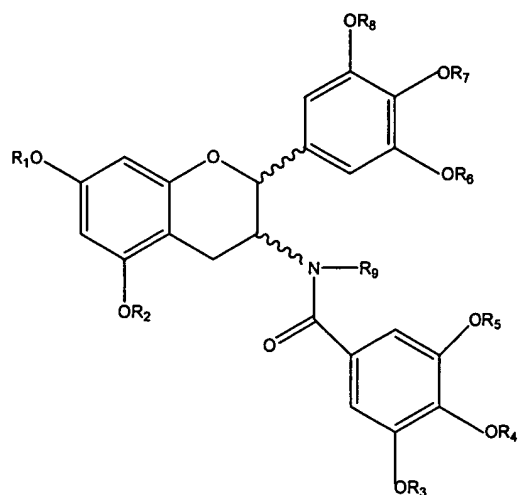
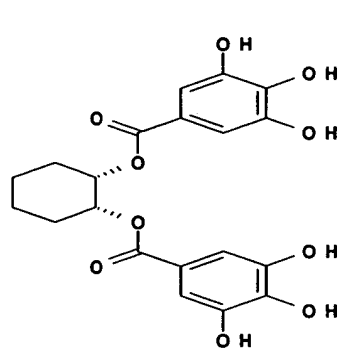


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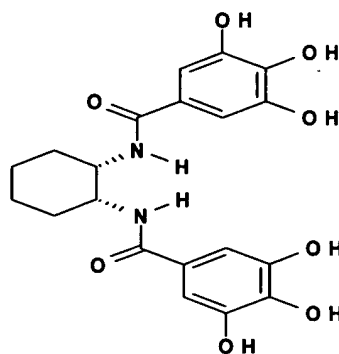
Claim 1 (Original): A compound having a formula selected from the group consisting of:



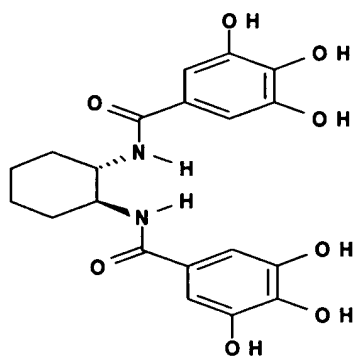
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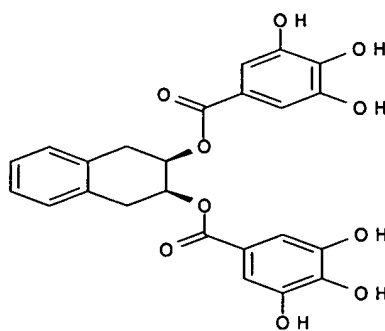
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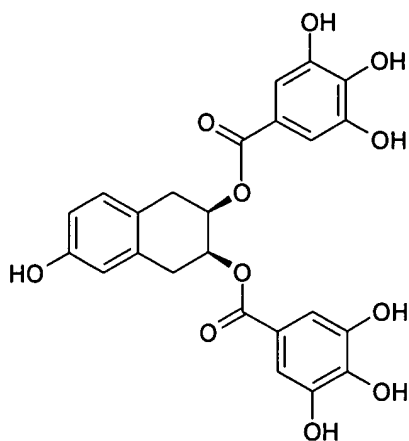
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wherein R_1 - R_9 are independently selected from the group consisting of -H, alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocycloalkenyl, aryl, and acyl.

Claim 2 (Original): The compound according to claim 1, wherein said compound is (-)-EGCG-amide or (+)-EGCG-amide.

Claim 3 (Original): A composition comprising at least one compound of claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or analog thereof; and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

Claim 4 (Original): The composition according to claim 3, further comprising an agent selected from the group consisting of an antioxidant, free radical scavenging agent, peptide, growth factor, antibiotic, bacteriostatic agent, immunosuppressive, anticoagulant, buffering agent, anti-inflammatory agent, anti-pyretic, time-release binder, anesthetic, steroid, and corticosteroid, or a mixture of two or more of the foregoing.

Claim 5 (Original): The composition according to claim 3, wherein said compound is (-)-EGCG-amide or (+)-EGCG-amide, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or analog thereof.

Claim 6 (Original): The composition according to claim 3, wherein said compound has less than 100% optical purity.

Claim 7 (Original): The composition according to claim 3, wherein said compound is optically pure.

Claim 8 (Original): A method for inhibiting proteasomal activity in cells comprising:

- a) contacting the cells with an effective amount of at least one compound of claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or analog thereof; and
- b) verifying that proteasomal activity has been inhibited.

Claim 9 (Original): The method according to claim 8, wherein said compound is (+)-EGCG-amide or (-)-EGCG-amide, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or analog thereof.

Claim 10 (Original): The method according to claim 8, wherein said contacting occurs *in vivo*, and said contacting comprises administering the compound to a patient by a route selected from the group consisting of orally, parenterally, subcutaneously, intravenously, intramuscularly, intraperitoneally, intraarterially, transdermally, and via a mucus membrane.

Claim 11 (Original): The method according to claim 8, wherein said contacting occurs *in vitro*.

Claim 12 (Original): The method according to claim 8, wherein said compound has less than 100% optical purity.

Claim 13 (Original): The method according to claim 8, wherein said compound is optically pure.

Claim 14 (Original): The method according to claim 8, wherein said proteasome is a 20S proteasome or 26S proteasome.

Claim 15 (Original): A method for treating cancer comprising administering an effective amount of a composition of claim 3 to a patient.

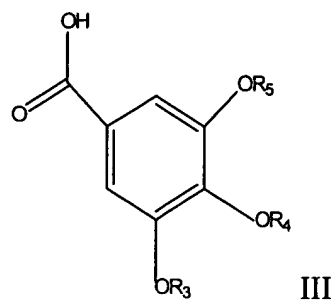
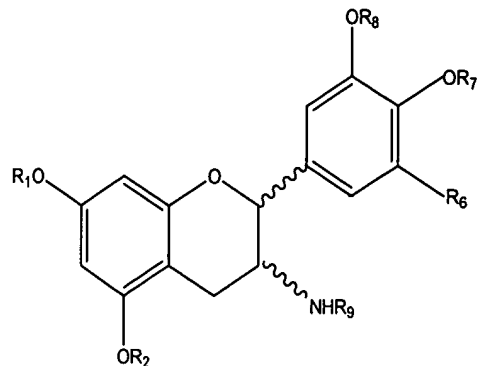
Claim 16 (Original): The method according to claim 15, wherein said cancer is selected from the group consisting of prostate cancer, leukemia, hormone dependent cancers, breast cancer, colon cancer, lung cancer, epidermal cancer, liver cancer, esophageal cancer, stomach cancer, cancer of the brain, and cancer of the kidney.

Claim 17 (Original): The method according to claim 15, wherein said administering is conducted by a route selected from the group consisting of orally, parenterally, subcutaneously, intravenously, intramuscularly, intraperitoneally, intraarterially, transdermally, and via a mucus membrane.

Claim 18 (Original): The method according to claim 15, wherein said pharmaceutical composition comprises (-)-EGCG-amide; or (+)-EGCG-amide; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or analog thereof; or a mixture thereof.

Claim 19 (Original): A method for synthesizing phenols, said method comprising:

a) coupling a compound represented by formula II with an acid represented by formula-III:



to form a fully protected gallate ester, wherein R_1 - R_9 are independently selected from the group consisting of $-H$, alkyl, acyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocycloalkyl, and aryl.

Claim 20 (Original): The method according to claim 19, wherein the acid of structure III is employed in the form of a derivative which is an acyl halide or a mixed or symmetric acid anhydride; or the acid of formula III is reacted with the compound of formula II in the presence of a condensing reagent.

Claim 21 (Original): The method according to claim 20, wherein the derivative is an acyl halide.

Claim 22 (Original): The method according to claim 21, wherein the acyl halide is selected from the group consisting of acyl chloride, acyl bromide, and acyl iodide.

Claim 23 (Original): The method according to claim 19, wherein said coupling is carried out in the presence of a base in an inert solvent.

Claim 24 (Original): The method according to claim 23, wherein the base is selected from the group consisting of dimethylaminopyridine, pyridine, triethylamine, and diisopropylethylamine.

Claim 25 (Original): The method according to claim 23, wherein the solvent is selected from the group consisting of dichloromethane, ether, and tetrahydrofuran.

Claim 26 (Original): The method according to claim 23, wherein the acid of formula III is reacted with the compound of formula II in the presence of a condensing agent, wherein the condensing agent is selected from the group consisting of 1,3-diisopropylcarbodiimide; 1,3-dimethylaminopropyl(3-ethyl)carbodiimide; dialkyl carbodiimide; 2-halo-1-alkyl-pyridinium halides; propane phosphonic acid cyclic anhydride; N-ethoxycarbonyl-2-ethoxy-1,2-dihydroquinoline; and dicyclohexylcarbodiimide.

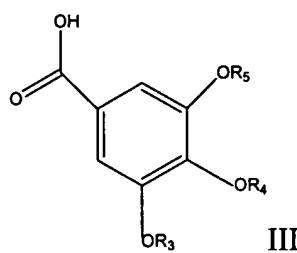
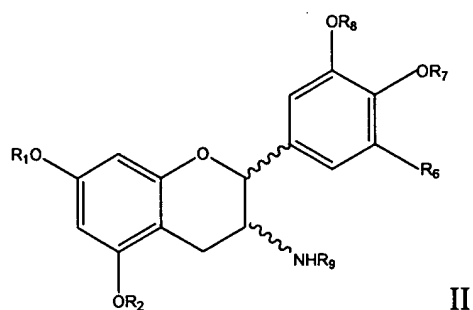
Claim 27 (Original): The method according to claim 23, further comprising:

b) deprotecting the gallate ester, wherein said deprotecting is selective or non-selective.

Claim 28 (Original): The method according to claim 27, wherein said deprotecting is performed with $\text{Pd}(\text{OH})_2$ and H_2 .

Claim 29 (Original): A compound produced from a method comprising:

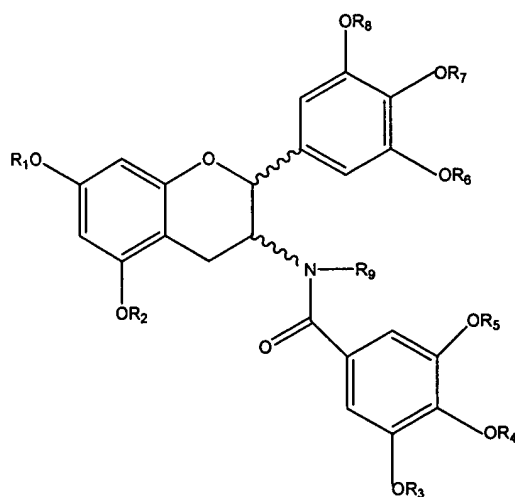
a) coupling a compound of formula II with an acid of formula III:



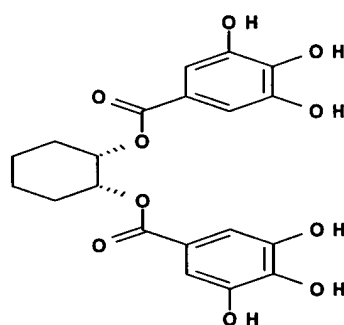
to form a fully protected gallate ester wherein $\text{R}_1\text{-R}_9$ are independently selected from the group consisting of -H, alkyl, acyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocycloalkenyl, and aryl; wherein said coupling is carried out in the presence of a base in an inert solvent; and

b) deprotecting the gallate ester, wherein said deprotecting is selective or non-selective.

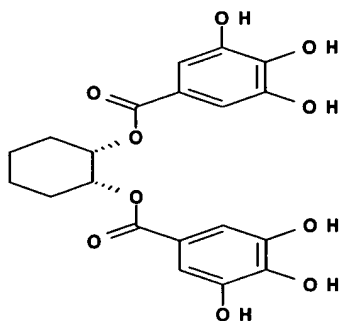
Claim 30 (Currently amended): A method of increasing the relative proportion of cells occupying the G₁ phase of the mitotic cell cycle within a plurality of cells, said method comprising contacting the plurality of cells with an effective amount of a compound having a formula selected from the group consisting of:



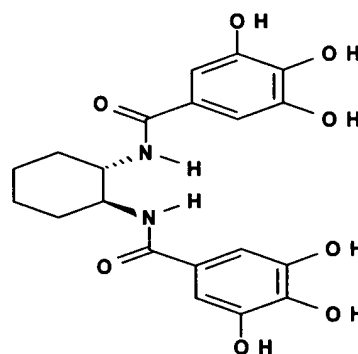
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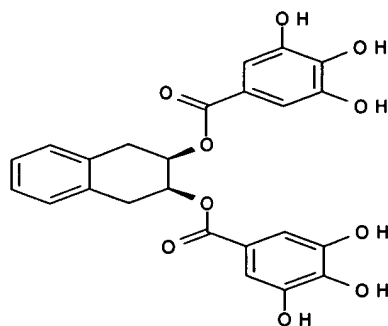
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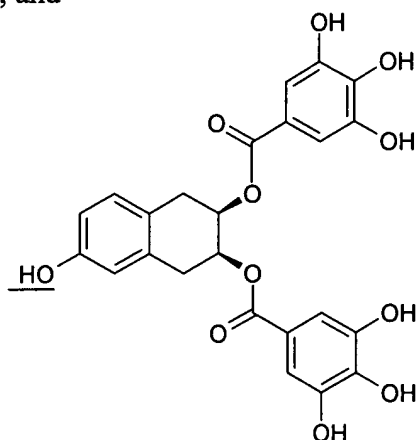
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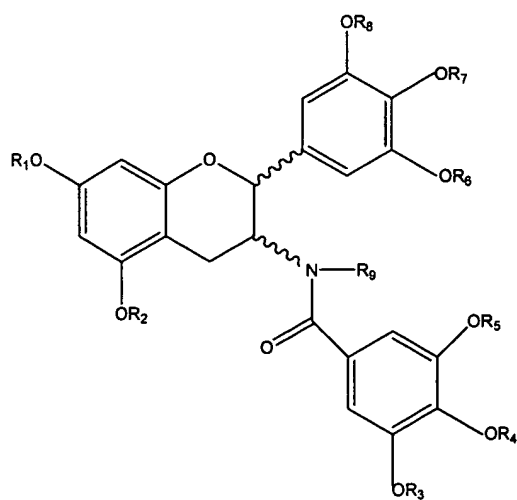
wherein R₁-R₉ are independently selected from the group consisting of -H, alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocycloalkenyl, aryl, and acyl.

Claim 31 (Original): The method according to claim 30, wherein said plurality of cells comprises cancer cells.

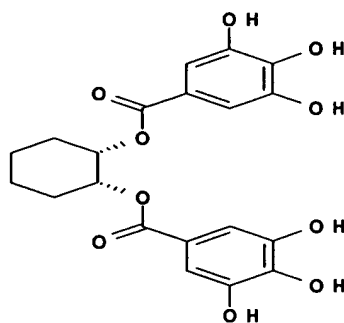
Claim 32 (Original): The method according to claim 30, wherein said contacting is conducted *in vivo*.

Claim 33 (Original): The method according to claim 30, wherein said contacting is conducted *in vitro*.

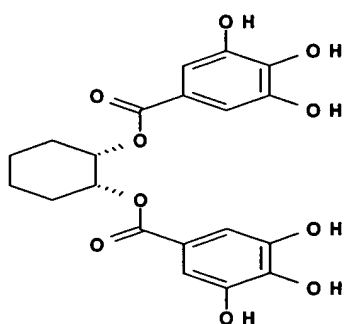
Claim 34 (Currently amended): A method for inducing apoptosis in cells, said method comprising contacting the cells with an effective amount of a compound having a formula selected from the group consisting of:



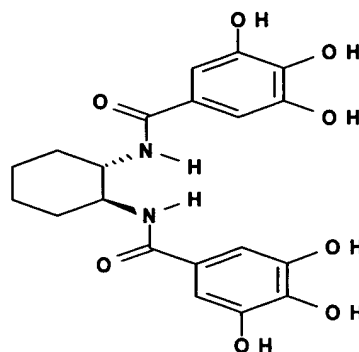
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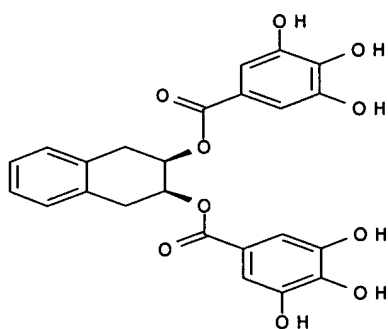
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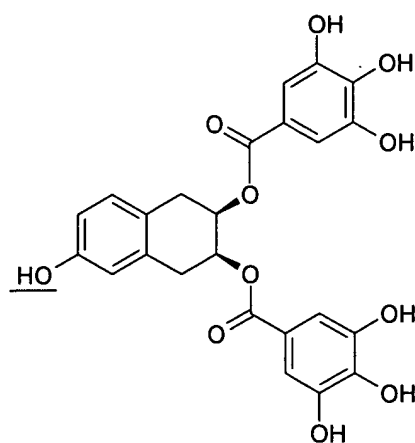
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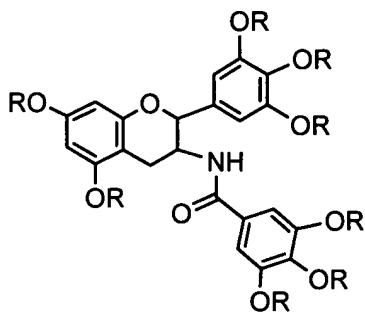


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wherein R_1 - R_9 are independently selected from the group consisting of -H, alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocycloalkenyl, aryl, and acyl.

Claim 35 (Original): The method according to claim 34, wherein the cells comprise cancer cells.

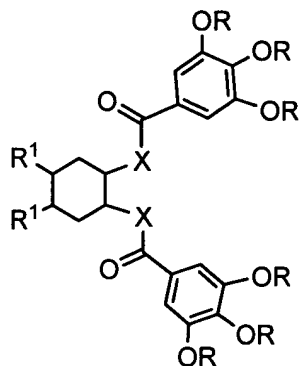
Claim 36 (New): A compound having the formula A:



A

wherein R is selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocycloalkenyl, aryl, and acyl.

Claim 37 (New): A compound having the formula B:



B

wherein R is selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocycloalkenyl, aryl, and acyl; X is O or NH; and wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocycloalkenyl, aryl, and acyl.